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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Mecklenburg Gary A

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/23/2004

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BECTON DICKINSON & CO [BDX]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE

(Street)

X Director Officer

Other (give title below) (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJÂ 07417

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

0

3. Ownership

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

SEC 1473 (7-02)

(I)

Ownership (Instr. 5)

10% Owner

(Instr. 5) Â D

Common Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise

5. Ownership Form of (Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Shares Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mecklenburg Gary A

C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY 1 BECTON DRIVE

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJÂ 07417

Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Gary A. Mecklenburg

12/02/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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